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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

For:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action of December 19, 2002 and the Advisory Action of May 1, 2003, from March 19, 2003 to May 19, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$300.00 is attached (which equals the two month extension fee of \$410.00 minus the one month extension fee of \$110.00 already paid on April 9, 2003). Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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